Assistant Attorney General
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Department of Justice
Washington 20530

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Mr. Paul L. Hoch
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Dear Mr. Hoch:

This is in response to your letter of May 8, 1972, in which you request the status of three requests for access to Department of Justice records.

I regret this delay in response to your inquiry, but a number of personnel changes have occurred within the Department which have caused a substantial backlog in some areas.

I have made inquiry regarding your two appeals and have learned that a response was made by the Department on June 9, 1972 to one request for review and that the other request for review is in an advance stage of preparation and that you should receive a reply from the Attorney General shortly. In addition, your one original request now pending overlaps in subject matter the request for review that is still pending. Your original request has been processed in part, but it is felt that it would be to your advantage and to the Department's advantage if we withhold a decision on that request until the Attorney General responds to your request for review.

Again, I regret any inconvenience that this delay in response may have caused you.

Sincerely,

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